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Seller of Notes for Hard-Money Lender Consents to Cease and Desist Order

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – A securities salesman who raised \$101,350 from investors, claiming the money would be used for real estate investments has agreed to cease selling securities without being licensed. Mauro E. Lobato, of Plain City, Utah, consented to the entry of an order today by the Utah Division of Securities requiring that he cease and desist selling securities in violation of the law.

Lobato was a salesman for Glenn Allen Britt and his companies, The Cantamar, LLC and Commercial Lending Group, Inc. (CLG). On behalf of Cantamar and CLG, Lobato met with investors at their homes in Davis County. Lobato showed the investors a promissory note from Cantamar that promised 20% annual interest, saying the note would double in value every 3.8 years. He said a \$50,000 investment would be worth \$120,000 in five years.

Investors were told their money would be secured by trust deeds, trust notes, accounts receivable, real estate, and government treasuries. They were promised that their money would be repaid by the company whether or not particular real estate investments were profitable. Investors were encouraged to solicit other investors and were promised a commission on money collected from others. The money was not used for the projects promised and the investors have not received any of their funds back.

The order faults Lobato for failing to tell investors that Britt had filed for personal bankruptcy in 2000 and for not providing the types of disclosures that would be in a prospectus. Lobato admitted the violations and agreed to cease and desist from any further violations of the securities laws. A fine of \$5,000 was assessed, but payment of the fine will be waived if Lobato provides assistance in the Division's action against Britt.

Criminal charges were filed against Britt in July 2004 and again in October 2006 for his conduct in the CLG and Cantamar scheme. Britt entered a guilty plea in March 2005 as part of a plea in abeyance. After the conclusion of that criminal case, the Division of Securities discovered that there were six additional investors in GLC and Cantamar which had not been disclosed by Britt as part of his original plea. In October 2006, the Attorney General's office filed a second criminal action relating to those additional six investors.

The administrative proceedings against Lobato and Britt were filed in January 2007. With today's order against Lobato, the case is still pending against Britt and Cantamar.